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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): James E. Hanson  
Serial No.: 09/717,856  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS PROVIDING AUTONOMOUS  
DISCOVERY OF POTENTIAL TRADING PARTNERS IN A  
DYNAMIC, DECENTRALIZED INFORMATION ECONOMY  
Filed: November 21, 2000  
Examiner: Patel, Ashokkumar B.  
Art Unit: 2154  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

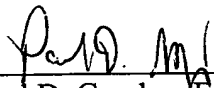
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	26	Minus	26	0	x \$18.00	\$0
Independent Claims	4	Minus	4	0	x \$86.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				PAID		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**XXX** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **50-0510**. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

May 11, 2004

Date

  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action dated February 11, 2004, please amend  
the above patent application as follows: